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Representation of Indian Christians in the District Board of South Kanara.

* 114-B Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 1912 answered on 26th March 1929 regarding the representation of Indian Christians in the District Board of South Kanara, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state what the special reasons are for appointing a lady to a vacancy caused by the retirement of an Indian Christian when she belongs to a community which has 14 members already represented in the Board ?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clause (*d*) of question No. 114-A.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*c*), of my question, may I know whether he was appointed to the Temple Committee previous to his wife's nomination to the District Board of South Kanara ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Alleged illegal actions of the President, Kasimkota Union.

* 115 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 10th January 1929, from the rate-payers of Kasimkota union, Vizagapatam taluk board, making certain allegations against the President of the Kasimkota Union, one Kharulasha ;

(*b*) whether any report has been submitted by the Revenue Divisional Officer to the District Collector regarding this President ;

(*c*) whether the Government have made enquiries regarding the various illegal actions of the said President, such as tampering with the electoral roll and ballot papers, his highhanded action in the matter of the receipt of nomination papers, etc., mentioned in the petition and, if so, with what result ;

(*d*) whether the Government have since taken from his hands the power of preparing electoral rolls as prayed for in the petition and appointed a deputy tahsildar for the purpose ; and

(*e*) whether they will be pleased to amend the Local Boards Act vesting the power to prepare electoral rolls in the hands of a Revenue officer ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It appears so from the petition.

(*c*) District Board President's remarks have been called for.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

Nominations to the District and Taluk Boards of Salem, Coimbatore, etc.

* 116 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement of all Muhammadans, Adi-Dravidas and Indian Christians (Protestants and Catholics) who have been nominated to the district boards and taluk boards during the last four years and are still holding those positions in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Kanara ; and

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(ii) to state (*a*) what the principle is on which nominations have been made in regard to such minor communities, (*b*) how many persons and who have been nominated in the abovementioned districts during the last four years from castes and communities who had been represented in district boards and municipalities by more than one elected member and on what grounds?

A.—(i) A statement giving the particulars required in regard to District Boards is laid on the table. [a] Government have no information in regard to taluk boards as the appointments thereto are made by the Presidents of District Boards concerned.

(ii) (*a*) & (*b*) It is impossible to lay down any other principles than those contained in section 9 (5) of the Madras Local Boards Act. The detailed information required by the Hon'ble Member is not readily available.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether there is any Adi-Dravida member on the district board of Coimbatore?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Yes."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I do not find it in the appendix given here."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Perhaps there has been some mistake. But I know there is an Adi-Dravida member."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know how many elected Muhammadan Members there are on the Coimbatore District Board?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether there is not a provision in the District Boards Act that only those communities who are not represented should be given nomination?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I do not think there is any specific rule."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I do not want the exact number of Muhammadan elected members on the board. I want to know whether there is any Muhammadan elected member?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I believe there is."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"If there are elected members from that community, there was no reason to nominate from among them."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Endowments in the Presidency vested in the Board of Revenue.

* 117 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of this House a statement showing all the endowments in this Presidency vested in the Board of Revenue under Madras Endowments and Escheats Regulation VII of 1817 with full information in regard to them on the following points :—

(i) Name of district, taluk and village,

(ii) Name of the original grantor,

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 335 infra.